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ST. JOSEPH MAN INDICTED FOR POSSESSION OF MACHINE GUNS, GRENADE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a St. Joseph man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for illegally possessing four machine guns, a grenade and a silencer.

Bill D. Hill, 49, of St. Joseph, Mo., was charged in a seven-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City today.

Four counts of the indictment, Graves said, allege that **Hill** was in possession of machine guns: a Sten style machine gun with no serial number, an SWD Model 12, .380 caliber machine pistol with an obliterated serial number, an SWD Model M11, 9 mm caliber machine pistol with an obliterated serial number, and a Cobray Mac-style machine gun pistol with no serial number.

Two additional counts of the federal indictment, Graves said, allege that **Hill** was also in possession of a fragmentation-style grenade and a black and silver tube silencer, neither of which were legally registered to him. The indictment also alleges in a seventh count that the SWD Model 12, .380 caliber machine pistol (referenced above in another count) illegally had the importer's and manufacturer's serial number removed, obliterated, or altered.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and are not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David M. Ketchmark. It was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the Buchanan County Drug Strike Force.
